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Dear Mary:

How are you and Buck? I hope all is well in Dallas and the roses are still in bloom! Did they last at least awhile. The florist spent a lot of time taking off open petals, so they might have been around a few days.

I want to sincerely apologize for any trouble that I may have caused you. I recently found that the source of all the misinformation about you was just feeding me false leads in order to disrupt and mis-direct my research.

I honestly trusted Mark Crouch and paid him large sums (many thousands of dollars) of money and was devastated to find that he has been feeding me this information about you for over a year now, plus a lot of other false information about the autopsy pictures. In fact, his whole story is in doubt.

Rick and I left very satisfied with your answers and we felt that you were sincere. I'm glad we met with you. It was nice seeing you again after so long and so much pain, suffering, and great achievement in this case. You cleared up a lot of false information about yourself and Buck, Downtown Lincoln/Mercury, etc.

I have a problem with the fact that Harold and others have deliberately made up false stories about us and used this to prevent me from speaking at these meetings. The story that Gary puts out is false. I have never disrupted any meeting. His concept of behavior is one more example of how he lies to himself, especially in fear of someone who knows too much about him and this case, or knows too much about his friends. We know what these people are afraid of: Harold was reporting regularly to the Hunt Oil Company who paid his trips to Dallas in the Sixties, and among other things, Roscoe White's family has given us written statements demonstrating that Shaw participated in creating a major hoax. His attempt to malign them with a slander, saying that they are "disgruntled" because they didn't get a lot of money is clearly at variance with their attitude in the first place about the whole deal, which is documented.

When did you first meet and begin dealing with Paul Rothermel? I know that he knows you from way back, and you and Sue Fitch run through his writings, which I obtained in Boston at the JFK Library. Steve Jaffee also wrote about you (and Sue Fitch) extensively.

Rothermel wrote a memo to Hunt saying that Sue Fitch thought that Harold was an asshole, and I sent this to Harold for his comment. He has caused a vast amount of trouble since. People would have done better to let me alone to do my research, because when people take the kind of action Harold and his gangsters have taken, I respond with my brain and more investigation. When people interfere with my publisher, as has happened repeatedly, I respond with great fury in this research. My publisher, for whom I am money in the bank, gives me yet more contracts. They know when we have stirred something up that people will be interested in reading about. I had no intention on this earth of writing about them until Harold and the others began slandering me with false statements and running down my research and character. Since this brought into question their credibility, I had to question or investigate just who they were, and came up with much more than I bargained for. Remember that, because it is the truth. This is the reaction that their pre-emptive strike caused in me.

We had an obligation to investigate the charges against you, and this was never a personal thing. I wish that you would have done the same when they told you I had somehow disrupted meetings or threatened people, none of which is true.

Now, who attended that dinner together March 5th? Marina, Summers, Rookstool, you, Shaw? I'll write that up in the social notes in my new book.

We would like to take you out to dinner on our next trip. I hope you'll drop me a line and let me know how things are.

Sincerely,



Harrison E. Livingstone